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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Harald RISTAU

Serial No.: 10/088,159

Filed: March 14, 2002

For: VACUUM HOLDING DEVICE

: Examiner: L. Wilson

: Group: 3723

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicants request that the period of response to the outstanding Office Action be extended for three months, until

September 5, 2003.

PTO Form 2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing that the appropriate fee be charged to the American Express credit card account of the undersigned attorney. Should any further extension of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted, Muserlian, Lucas and Mercanti

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